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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ANIONIC CLAY USING TWO TYPES OF  
ALUMINA COMPOUNDS

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(3). The issue date for the patent based on this application is not yet determined; nonetheless, prompt action on this Petition is respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby request that the present application be withdrawn from issue in favor of the attached Continued Prosecution Application pursuant to Rule 1.53(d). Attached hereto is a request for CPA, a Preliminary Amendment and an Information Disclosure Statement.

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Check No. 128780 in the amount of \$130 to cover the Petition fee is attached. Please charge any additional fees necessary for the consideration of this Petition, or credit any overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, the responsible official at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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